

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the Examiner's indication that the Claims of the present application are allowable with the exception of the following formal matters, which were first noted in the Office Action dated August 25, 2004.

Figures 1-14 stand objected, under the new provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, for minor informalities. The Examiner alleges that in order for the formal drawing to be acceptable under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 each formal drawing must have the identifier "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin of the page. In response to the Examiner's comments and for the purposes of advancing prosecution, applicants concurrently submit formal drawings under separate cover in satisfaction of this requirement. In light of the submitted formal drawings, applicants respectfully request that this objection be removed.

Claims 1-15 and 28 stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(a) for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants' regard as the invention.

The Examiner notes that step (a) in Claim 1 cites "plurality of edge width measurements" and alleges that Claim 1 should recite "said plurality of edge width measurements". In response to the Examiner's comments, applicants have amended step a) of Claim 1 to recite "said plurality of edge width measurements" and respectfully request that the objection to Claim 1 be withdrawn. Applicants have also amended Claim 1 to insert the term "and" between step b) and step c).

Claims 4, 5, 6, 11 and 14 stand objected to for reciting the term "said plurality of edge width" where the proper antecedent basis is "said plurality of edge width measurements". In response to the Examiner's comments, applicants have amended Claims 4, 5, 6, 11 and 14 to recite "said plurality of edge width measurements". In light

of this amendment, applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 4, 5, 6, 11, and 14 be withdrawn.

Claims 12 and 13 stand objected for reciting the term "said tool" wherein the property antecedent basis is "photolithographic exposure tool". In response to the Examiner's comments and for the purposes of advancing prosecution, applicants have amended Claims 12 and 13 to recite the term "photolithographic exposure tool". In light of the amendments to Claims 12 and 13, applicants submit that the present objection has been obviated and respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

Claim 28 also stands objected to for minor informalities. It is the Examiner's position that parenthesis following "d", "e", and "f" have been omitted. In response to the Examiner's rejection, applicants have amended Claim 28 to include parenthesis following the "d", "e", and "f" element indications. In light of the amendment to Claim 28, applicants submit that the present ground of objection has been obviated and respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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